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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 13, 2006
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 13, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 13, 2006 Office Action was originally due July 13, 2006. Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time. The fee for a two-month extension of time is four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450.00) and a check for that amount is enclosed. A response to the June 13, 2006 Office Action is now due September 13, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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